Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what is the nature of the occasion which the Government wants to reconsider the matter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is any grievance about it, I suppose Government should be informed. Government has received no application from any aggrieved party about it, so that there has been no occasion.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was not this question raised in this Council, which gave an occasion to the Government to reconsider that matter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Will you repeat that question?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Out of respect for old age I shall repeat.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Is that not a kind of reflection?

President.—You are not right, Mr. Raja. What is that old age and all that?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I cannot be louder.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—You could have said that.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Out of respect I say.

President.—Old age has attractions. You must respect gray hairs.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I hope the Hon'ble Member withdraws that.

Mr. C.A. Kunjunni Raja.—No.

President.—It is not a proper observation to make. He has respect for me, and he will withdraw that statement.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether this question was raised in this Council?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It might have been raised in this Council by some Members. But no definite applications have been received by the Governnment.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was that not an occasion for reconsideration?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No. It has not been considered as sufficient occasion.

Tenders for the supply of medicines.

207. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons who submitted tenders for the supply of medicines, etc., to the Medical Department in pursuance of Gazette Notifications each year during the last two years, what were their rates and the names of the persons to whom the work was entrusted and the reason for preference, if any?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Tenders were called for only last year (1104).

A comparative statement of the tendered rates of all the tenderers is placed on the Council Table. The tender of Messrs. Evans and Sons, Lescher and Webb, Ltd., Liverpool, being the lowest, was accepted.

Unemployment in the State.

208. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of unemployed educated people in the State;

(2) the number of graduates in the Government service on a salary of Rs. 30 and less;

(3) the lowest salary given to a graduate Government servant;

(4) whether the Government propose to take any measures to relieve the scourge of unemployment in the State;

(5) whether the Government realises that it is part of its functions to see that as far as possible there is no unemployment in the State;

(6) whether unemployment exists among the labouring classes also;

(7) whether unemployment exists more among the educated classes than among the educationally backward classes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No statistics are available.

(2) 50 from the information available.

(3) This has not been fixed. He is given the pay fixed for the post to which he is appointed.

(4) Government are already doing all they possibly can to relieve unemployment.

(5) Yes.

(6) No statistics available.

(7) No statistics available on the point.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I would like to know whether any attempt has been made to collect the information—sub-divisions 1, 6 and 7.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no attempt to collect statistics on the point.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—(4). How long has the Government been trying to do so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Ever since they began to know that there was some sort of unemployment among the educated people.

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